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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

IN RE: BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD

ANTITRUST LITIGATION
(MDL No.: 2406),

Master File No.: 2:13-CV-20000-RDP

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ORDER APPROVING SPECIAL MASTER INVOICE FOR PAYMENT

Before the court is the September 2, 2021 application of Edgar C. Gentle, III, the Court-Appointed Special Master, for payment for services rendered and expenses incurred from July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 in this matter as it relates to services rendered for both sides of the case, and totaling \$7,500.00.

The application was submitted to the court, Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, Interim Lead Counsel, Local Facilitating Counsel, the Plaintiffs Steering Committee for the two Plaintiff Tracks, and the Lead Defense Counsel.

The application was allowed to lie over for 20 days, so as to allow the court, Plaintiff leadership and Defendant leadership to lodge any objections thereto. None have been received by the court or the Special Master.

The court has reviewed the application, and finds it to be fair and reasonable.

The court therefore **ORDERS** that the Special Master's application for payment is hereby approved, with: (i) one-half, or \$3,750.00, to be paid by the Defendants; and (ii) one-fourth, or \$1,875.00, to be paid by the Subscriber Track, and one-fourth, or \$1,875.00, to be paid by the Provider Track, from their Common Benefit monies.

The court reserves the power to modify the terms of this order.

DONE and **ORDERED** this September 24, 2021.

R. DAVID PROCTOR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE